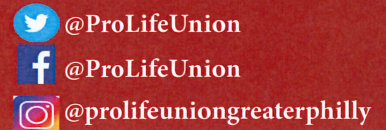


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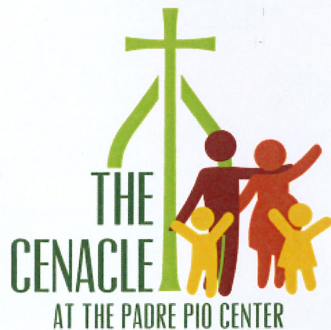
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The Cenacle at Padre Pio Prayer Center

By: Tom Stevens, President and CEO, Pro-Life Union



This month is the official blessing celebration and launch of the Cenacle at the Padre Pio Center in Frankford. The Cenacle (which means Upper Room) is operated by the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia in partnership with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the Frankford Section of North Philadelphia. We provide a family-friendly environment with high quality care to meet the daily emotional, physical and social well-being of moms and dads and their children, born and unborn. Philadelphia loses more than 17,000 children to abortion annually. We will eliminate abortion as an option as we address the root causes of financial resources, education on parenting, spiritual wellness, and emotional support.

On Monday, October 18, Bishop John J. McIntyre there will be blessing the center while Fr. Christopher Walsh, Pro-Life Union Board Chairperson, performs a prayer service.

The Cenacle at the Padre Pio Center will be located at 1527 Church Street within the Padre Pio Prayer Center property owned by the Capuchin Friars. In order to create a space where women and families can receive blessings, help and the message of life, there are many services and resources planned; including classes, diapers, clothing, housing assistance, a toddler play area and much more. In the future, visit prolifeunion.org to discover ways to become involved.



Respect Life March and Rally, Sat, 10/09

Don't miss the Respect Life March and Rally in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 9th for the 2021 Respect Life Rally at 11:00 am. October is Respect Life Month, so our hope is that you will all join us as we make our voices heard. The Rally will be held in front of the largest abortion center in PA, Philadelphia Women's Center, at 777 Appletree St. starting at 11:00 AM. At 12:00 pm we will march to the Liberty Bell to proclaim liberty for the unborn. We will see you there!

Want to Volunteer Your Time and Talent?

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Motherhood Doesn't Hold Women Back

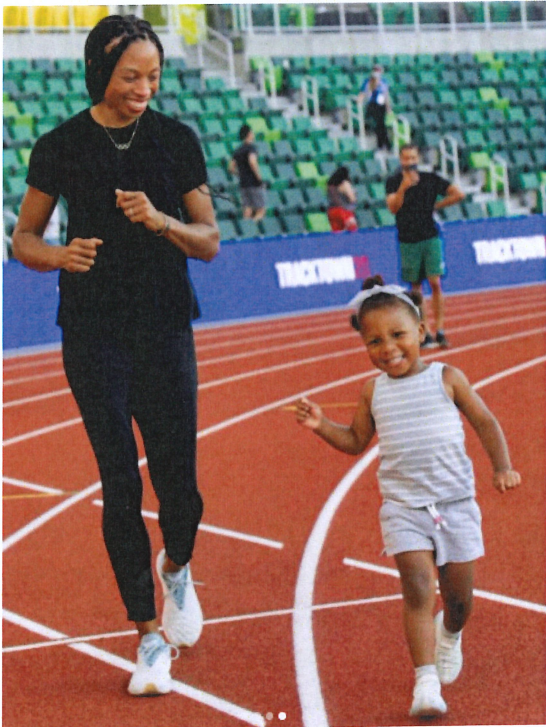
Olympic superstar Allyson Felix is letting the world know that women can excel without sacrificing their desire to be mothers. One of the best athletes in the world, Felix struggled with sponsorships once she became pregnant. But she refused to back down or lower what she knew she was worth, and today, she's still doing amazing things.

"Becoming a mom has been so incredible," she said in an interview with Good Morning America. "It was a little scary starting out; I gave birth prematurely at 32 weeks, and saw my daughter fight in the NICU. Just watching her grow has changed my life, it's changed my motivation, and now as I train for this Olympics, I am so proud to partner with Pantene to really reflect that legacy. It's so much bigger than on the track. It's me as a mother, and me as an advocate for women, and I'm just really grateful that they are reflecting that."

Not every company has been supportive of Felix' journey as a mother; she wrote a now-famous New York Times op-ed accusing Nike of trying to force her to take a 70% pay cut when she was pregnant. When she requested a guarantee that she wouldn't be punished for performing at a lower level while pregnant and postpartum, Nike refused that as well.

"I've been one of Nike's most widely marketed athletes," she wrote. "If I can't secure maternity protections, who can?"

But since then, even as a mother, she's continued doing incredible things, including breaking Usain Bolt's record as the most deco-

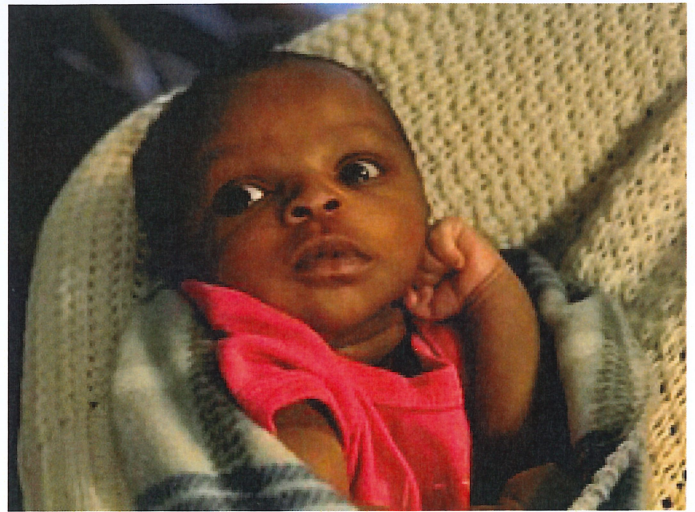


Pictured (above): Allyson Felix with her daughter taking a lap together. Allyson has more Olympic track medals than anyone in the world. Success and motherhood go hand-in-hand.

rated athlete — of any sex — in World Athletics Championship's history. Her fifth Olympics is next, and being so successful after becoming a mom is something that surprised even her.

That mindset isn't surprising, and Felix isn't alone in thinking that way. Runner Phoebe Wright, who also had been sponsored by Nike, previously said, "Getting pregnant is the kiss of death for a female athlete. There's no way I'd tell Nike if I were pregnant."

Yet athletes like Felix fought back, and they're proving motherhood doesn't slow these extraordinary women down. "Becoming a mom — it shifted my focus to thinking about this world that my daughter will grow up in," she told Romper. "I don't want her to have the same battle. [Motherhood] gave me that final bit of push that I needed and helped me find my voice so that I could speak on these very important issues."



Guiding Star Ministries

Guiding Star Ministries (GSM) is a maternity home and outreach program of the Pro-Life Union that provides shelter and assistance to single pregnant women and their children. After some time living at Guiding Star, former residents Ivory and her daughter Adelae, recently transitioned into a new apartment. Ivory also landed a new job. She told Guiding Star how the maternity home changed her life: "I was so scared when I came. You made me feel welcome...I'm in such a different place now. Guiding Star helped me reach my goals, be ready for independent living, and be a new mom. I'm planning to own a business in the future." Congratulations to Ivory for staying strong, pursuing her goals, and becoming independent!" To learn more about Guiding Star Ministries, visit prolifeunion.org/guidingstar



First-Ever Pennsylvania March For Life

On Monday, September 27th, thousands of Pro-Life Pennsylvanians from all over the state gathered in our State's Capital, Harrisburg, to join together for the first ever Pennsylvania March For Life.

The Rally began at 11:00 AM with an impressive speaker line up of pro-life warriors who fired up the crowd. Thousands of pro-lifers from all over the state were listening on the steps of the Capitol building revving up for the march.

Abby Johnson, the key note speaker, ended the rally with a call to action and encouraged the crowd to answer the call to pro-life mission whatever that may be.

Marchers made a loop around the capital building and ended back on the steps making for a peaceful and powerful witness to the pro-life movement.



How Methotrexate Abortion Pill Reversal Saved My Unborn Child's Life This Year

Dr. Monique Ruberu, pro-life OB/GYN, shares a patient's testimonial about the use of abortion pill reversal:

I found out I was pregnant in March. At first I started to laugh, then I started to cry and I called my ex. It was all so strange; we had just broken up, and his first response was "Get an abortion."

I didn't know what to do; I grew up in a Christian household. I knew it wasn't right, but I thought it was the smartest choice. I scheduled an appointment at the abortion clinic. There were people praying

out front and they tried to reach out to me. I ignored them and went in, but their presence pricked my conscience. It was a disgusting office. The environment wasn't inviting, and I felt so uncomfortable.

I guess God was trying to send me a sign when the doctor couldn't show up because of a flat tire. I had my initial ultrasound and was given instructions to return the next day. The ultrasound was covered by insurance. It showed I was 7 weeks pregnant and was able to have a chemical abortion.

I went back the next day. The prayer warriors remembered me, and said, "This isn't God's plan. The church is offering support." I didn't feel harassed, but it did make me feel more uncertain and worse about what I was preparing to do. If they weren't there, it might not have bothered me as much.

When I went inside, they put me in the room. They didn't offer me any support or counseling other than telling me not to eat anything healthy to try and deprive the baby of nutrients.

I went upstairs and nobody was allowed to be there with me. I called my best friend. She said she would support me either way, but then instantly began researching the effects of abortion and came across the abortionpillreversal.com website. She later sent a screenshot of the website to me. Thank God!

The doctor came in and asked me to get undressed. I had been contemplating and crying for over an hour. He checked my uterus and prepared to give me the methotrexate injection. At the last moment I said, "Wait, wait!" but it was too late. He injected it all anyway.

I fell to pieces as the nurse explained that five days later I had to insert pills to push the remains out of my uterus. I was to expect bad cramping and pass it in the toilet. I was supposed to follow up a few weeks later to make sure everything was ok.

I went home and my mom still didn't know about any of this. I had a pounding headache, and I told her everything. She told me she had been in the same situation at age 18 and had chosen abortion, but then when she was pregnant with me, I had a hole in my amniotic sac at 12 weeks and she was put in the hospital. At that time the doctors advised her to abort me, but she refused. She told me that I was her miracle and she encouraged me to keep mine.

When my friend sent me the abortionpillreversal.com screenshot, I called the number and got a hold of the nurse who connected me to Dr. Ruberu. We started the treatment to reverse the abortion after she told me of all the possible side effects of the methotrexate that had been given to me. I knew that if there was any chance for life, I had to fight for my baby. I flushed the pills the abortion center gave to me and made an appointment to meet Dr. Ruberu.

The road hasn't been easy since then. Every ultrasound has been full of anxiety until I receive the good result. Thus far, my little "Lively" is very much a miracle child who I am sure will have much to share with the world as an abortion survivor.

2021 Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner

Don't miss the 40th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner on Sunday, November 21st for an evening of fellowship, reflection on our pro-life efforts throughout 2021, and our outlook toward the future! Meet us at the Philadelphia Sheraton for a cocktail reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

TICKETING: \$75 Adult Ticket; \$50 Student Ticket; \$700 Full Table (discounted) for 10 Persons; \$500 Student Table for 10 Persons; \$50 Sponsorship of a Student's Ticket.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Patricia Sandoval, an international pro-life and chastity speaker who shares her story around the world of her three abortions, work behind the hidden doors of Planned Parenthood, followed by nearly three years as a homeless drug addict, testifying the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ and His desire to bring this world's hidden dangers into the light for healing.

ONLINE ORDERING: To purchase individual tickets, tables, and ad sponsorships online, visit prolifeunion.org/events/dinner.

MAIL YOUR ORDER: You may also send your reservation and payment by mail to: Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, 88 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075.

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Pictured (above): Patricia Sandoval, this year's Stand Up For Life Keynote speaker.



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